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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LY, MY, CA

SUBJECT: LIBYAN-MALAYSIAN RELATIONS

REF: A. STATE 296752, B. TRIPOLI 1524, C. OTTAWA 4826

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO AMEND REFERENCE CABLE WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. DCM MET AND TALKED WITH SYED FADZILLAH FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES AT RECEPTION HOSTED BY MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ON OCTOBER 15. FADZILLAH CAME ACROSS AS HIGHLY POLISHED IN MANNER AND FLUENT IN ENGLISH. IF RECOLLECTIONS SERVE HE COMES FROM KEDAH. FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCE IN MALAYSIA, DCM WOULD PEG FADZILLAH AS TYPICAL OF ONE PARTICULAR BREED OF MALAYSIAN DIPLOMAT WHICH TENDS TOWARD THE GREGARIOUS AND FUN-LOVING, AND WITH A CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE GOOD LIFE. HOWEVER, HE ALSO APPEARS TO TAKE HIS JOB SERIOUSLY.

3. FADZILLAH EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN AND ADMIRATION FOR THE U.S. HE HAD BEEN HOPING FOR A TRANSFER TO WASHINGTON, AND WAS SURPRISED BY THE TRIPOLI ASSIGNMENT THOUGH HE RECOGNIZED IT PRESENTED AN UNUSUAL PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND ADVENUE FOR ADVANCEMENT. HE EXPRESSED TREPIDATION AT THE COMPLEXITIES OF OPENING A NEW MISSION, PARTICULARLY TO GET THINGS IN ORDER FOR AN EARLY VISIT BY HIS PRIME MINISTER.

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4. DCM SUGGESTED AMERICAN EMBASSY TRIPOLI MIGHT BE
ABLE TO RENDER SOME USEFUL ADVICE, AND ASKED FADZILLAH
TO LET HIM KNOW WHEN HE WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE. DCM
HEARD NOTHING FURTHER UNTIL RECEIPT OF REF. B.

5. WE SEE NO OBJECTION AND INDEED SOME
POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE TO EMBASSY TRIPOLI IN RENDERING APPRO-
PRIATE ASSISTANCE.
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